CLAIMS

[001] A method for instructing a user during the operation of an appliance (1), especially a domestic appliance, comprising at least one control element (2), wherein the method comprises the process step of issuing information (3) via at least one audible and/or visual output device (4) for instructing the user with regard to the operation of the appliance (1), characterized by the further process step of identifying a control element (2) of the appliance (1) to be taken into account by the user during the instruction by means of an least one visual and/or audible marker element (5).

[002] The method according to claim 1, characterized in that the instruction of the user during operation of the appliance (1) takes place in steps, wherein each instruction step corresponds to an information block (6) consisting of a part or the entirety of the information (3) which can be output.

[003] The method according to claim 2, characterized in that the control element (2) to be taken into account by the user during the instruction is identified in temporal synchronization with the information block (6).

[004] The method according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the output of information (3) for instructing the user takes place in steps depending on the actuation of the identified control element (2) by the user.

[005] The method according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the output of information (3) for instructing the user takes place depending on the respective operating state of the appliance (1).

[006] A device for instructing a user during the operation of an appliance (1), especially a domestic appliance, comprising at least one control element (2), comprising at least one output device (4) for the audible and/or visual output of information (3) for instructing the user during the operation of the appliance (1), characterized in that the device further comprises at least one marker element (5) which optically and/or acoustically identifies a control element (2) of the appliance (1) to be taken into account by the user during the instruction.

[007] The device according to claim 6, characterized by a memory (7) connected to the output device (4) for storing information.

[008] The device according to claim 6 or claim 7, characterized in that the information (3) is combined to form information blocks (6) and that each individual information block (6) corresponds to an instruction step for the operation of the appliance (1).

[009] The device according to claim 8, characterized in that the retrieval of at least one information block (6) from the memory (7) and the output of the retrieved information block (6) to the output device (4) is accomplished by a predetermined control element.

[010] The device according to claim 9, characterized in that the at least one information block (6) output at the output device (4) corresponds to a respective operating state of the appliance (1).

[011] The device according to any one of claims 8 to 10, characterized in that by actuating the identified control element (2) a further information block (6') is output on the output device (4) and that the further information block (6') corresponds to the respective operating state of the appliance (1) and a next instruction step.

[012] The device according to any one of claims 6 to 11, characterized in that the at least one output device (4) and the at least one marker element (5) are executed together in an integrated form as a component.

[013] Use of the device according to any one of claims 6 to 12 in a household appliance for instructing a user during the operation of the household appliance.

NEW CLAIMS

1. A method for instructing a user during the operation of an appliance (1), especially a domestic appliance, comprising at least one control element (2) and an audible and/or visual output device (4), wherein information (3) for instructing the user with regard to the operation of the appliance (1) is output via the audible and/or visual output device (4), characterized in that the information (3) describes the control element (2) to be actuated by the user, that the appliance (1) further comprises at least one marker element (5), and that the control element (2) of the appliance (1) described is identified by the marker element (5) during the output of information (3).

2. The method according to claim 1, characterized in that the instruction of the user during operation of the appliance (1) takes place in steps, wherein each instruction step corresponds to an information block (6) consisting of a part or the entirety of the information (3) which can be output.

3. The method according to claim 2, characterized in that the control element (2) to be taken into account by the user during the instruction is identified in temporal synchronization with the information block (6).

4. The method according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the output of information (3) for instructing the user takes place in steps depending on the actuation of the identified control element (2) by the user.

5. The method according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the output of information (3) for instructing the user takes place depending on the respective operating state of the appliance (1).

6. An appliance, especially a domestic appliance, comprising at least one control element (2) which is in a functional relationship to the appliance (1) and comprising at least one output device (4) for the audible and/or visual output of information (3) for instructing the user during the operation of the appliance (1), characterized in that the information (3) describes the control element (2) to be actuated by the user, that the appliance (1) further comprises at least one marker element (5), and that the marking element optically identifies the control element (2) of the appliance (1) described during the output of the information (3).

7. The appliance according to claim 6, characterized by a memory (7) connected to the output device (4) for storing information (3).

8. The appliance according to claim 6 or claim 7, characterized in that the information (3) is combined to form information blocks (6) and that each individual information block (6) corresponds to an instruction step for the operation of the appliance (1).

9. The appliance according to claim 8, characterized in that the retrieval of at least one information block (6) from the memory (7) and the output of the retrieved information block (6) to the output device (4) is accomplished by a predetermined control element.

10. The appliance according to claim 9, characterized in that the at least one information block (6) output at the output device (4) corresponds to a respective operating state of the appliance (1).

11. The device according to any one of claims 8 to 10, characterized in that by actuating the identified control element (2) a further information block (6') is output on the output device (4) and that the further information block (6') corresponds to the respective operating state of the appliance (1) and a next instruction step.